

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

**FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, and Nick Culley (Student Liaison) answered roll call. Bob Bridges answered roll call via Zoom. Aaron Gurley was not present.

**PUBLIC HEARING: COVID 19 PH III GRANT AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION (Business Relief)** – Tara Hagan explained that this grant is in the amount of \$250,000.00 and is to provide assistance to businesses. Hagan asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none. Bridges moved to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

**MINUTES:** Daubenspeck moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting as presented. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Pavey thanked the departments for their efforts in removing the snow.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nothing.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Council President Berkemeier said he would like to echo thank you to the various departments in their efforts in regard to snow issues.

Berkemeier said he would also like to thank to Mayor Pavey and John McCane McCane regarding their testimony for the imminent domain bill. Mayor Pavey thanked Berkemeier for going with them and showing support.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – We are starting to wrap up.

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Pavey said there is a meeting this Wednesday. The intentions are to move through the series as normal as possible
- **APC/BZA** – Meetings tomorrow.
- **Housing** – Meeting tomorrow.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Council** – Nothing.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Fire** – Chief Munson invited Council to the station on Saturday, February 27 at 9:00 a.m. to take part in a demo of EMS equipment and practices. He said the goal of that day is when everyone leaves at noon they will be CPR certified.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller said 5 of his guys came in at 2:00 a.m. this morning to begin removing snow. They worked a 12-hour shift. They will continue plowing tomorrow focusing on the downtown area.

Councilman Daubenspeck said he has had several good comments regarding the removal of snow.

**Park** – Director Burklow said they are at the Overlook daily watching and learning where everything is so they can maintain the project efficiently.

He has had discussions about future projects with the Mayor.

**Police** – Chief Tucker said they have been dealing with snow the last 24 hours.

He said the mental health training session they had last week was well attended and well worth the time.

**Animal** – Director Hanna said she will send Council the monthly report.

She said we need to discuss the County agreement. The last one we have is from 2016. Their ordinances need updated. Hanna said we need something that we can enforce or put it back on the Sheriff Department and let them deal with it. Berkemeier said he is willing to help out in the discussions with the County. We need to see how much interest the County has in continuing this partnership. Bridges said he is also willing to be in on conversations with the County. Mayor Pavey said he will set up a meeting with the Sheriff, a County Council person, and a Commissioner.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Protest Guidelines:** Newhouse reported that the ordinance for special events has been drafted. They still need to complete the noise ordinance. They should be ready for our next meeting.

- a. Ordinance 2021-6 Noise Control –
- b. Ordinance 2021-7 Special Events –

1. **Credit Card Use** – Copley reported that they met with PayGov on Wednesday. PayGov came and set up the equipment and gave a demonstration on Friday. They have set up equipment for the Clerk-Treasurer's office, animal control, and police department. They will set up the dump site when they have a computer in place. She said they also will set up the pool when it gets closer to opening.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution 2021-3 COVID-19 Ph III Grant Authorization (Business Relief)** – Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2021-3. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2021-2 Authorizations of Payment by Credit Card** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2021-2. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Multi-County Homeownership Counseling Workshop and Homebuyer Program (Ara)**  
-Tara Hagan from Ara said they are introducing a step by step process for people to become first time homeowners. First Financial Bank is helping to promote this program. Berkemeier asked for information to give to citizens.
4. **Grant Modification Overlook** – Tara Hagan said there has been a little delay due to Covid. HWC and Schutte asked us to accept a modification of the completion date of July 15, 2021.

**COVID-19 Update:** There has been no change, however our numbers are going down.

**CLAIMS:** Berkemeier moved to approve the claims as presented. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Nothing.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Daubenspeck moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.